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N.U.S.

The people who get on in this world are those who realise their opportunities. Most of us are apathetic and indifferent to the very things which effect our own interests. We are blind to a thousand-and-one opportunities of making our life more comfortable and more enjoyable. So it is that comparatively few students have realised what their membership to the National Union of Students means. Some of them are even unaware that they are members of a great National Union, with a central office in London, employing a permanent staff of about 15 people, capable and willing to deal with their problems; an organisation respected by such august bodies as the Vice-Chancellor's Committee and the University Grants Committee, and tackling such important problems as loans for necessitous students, careers and employment problems for graduates, and the whole reform of a lecture system which, in many places, makes university life a stupid farce. Only those who are quick to realise the potentialities of N.U.S. will get their value for the subscriptions which they are paying towards it. Only those who are prepared to give their energy and interest to the work of their National Union will make it more effective in their service.

It may be asked "What can the National Union of Students do for me?" The question is as important as the reverse "What can I do for the National Union of Students?" The "Wessex News" is an example of the effects of discussion. Discussion is also inaugurated by the National Union, on the occasions it provides for student leaders from all the Universities to get together and talk about the various developments in their several Universities; and there can be no doubt, however much one will disagree with views expressed in the "Wessex News," it can be, and indeed probably is, one of the most important developments making for a real student society in Southampton. In this way then, by the introduction of new ideas, arising from discussions at N.U.S. Council and Executive meetings, the ordinary student will gain some benefits.

Sir Charles Grant Robertson, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, speaking at the freshers' meeting this year, said, "The most important thing which you can do at a University is not to get a degree, but to make friends." I am sure that all those who have any real knowledge of university life will realise the truth of this assertion, and will know that those students who do not play their full and proper part in both social and academic work will have missed much of what a university education should provide. But it is not enough merely to make friends in your own university. Neither Southampton nor Oxford have a monopoly of wisdom, nor, for that matter, is it enough to make friends only with students in one's own country. There was never a greater need for actual contact with students from overseas, and never were greater opportunities provided for this to be done.

The N.U.S., as a result of many years of hard work, has now established contacts with student organisations in all parts of the world, so that small parties of students can travel in various countries, living with their fellow students, gaining all the special concessions which railway and other authorities afford to students, and getting first-hand contact with the real life of the country visited. These are not Cook's conducted tours—they differ in nature and in price and they can be afforded by all in some shape or form. These are not tours reserved for the rich or for the privileged, but for the ordinary chap who is conscious of the sacrifices which his parents have made to keep him at College. They should not be dismissed as being luxuries and beyond the ordinary person's pocket. Ask them for the Travel Booklet of summer tours, or winter tours, or Easter tours, which your Union prepares for your benefit and gives you free for the asking.

Of course, you may not be interested in group tours, but may like to live privately in a family abroad. N.U.S. can arrange it. You may desire to entertain in your own home a student from overseas—here again, N.U.S. will assist you in assuring that the right type of student is obtained. You may be concerned about the nature of the job which you will or will not get when you have finished all the swotting for your degree. Once again, N.U.S. can be of assistance to you. Next year, at Easter, it is arranging a great Congress in which the whole question of employment for graduates will be discussed, and if there is a real problem, it is up to you to make it known by coming and speaking at this Congress;

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and when the facts are clearly stated and reasonably presented, the authorities will not be slow to take action.

You may feel that it is a waste of time to copy down copious lecture notes, and that other systems, such perhaps, as a modified tutorial system would be more beneficial. As a result of these enquiries, stimulated by the N.U.S., Birmingham Union has investigated the question, so far as it concerns Birmingham, and they have produced a report on this subject. Have you seen it? You can get it from the National Union of Students. In certain Universities, as a result of student requests, lectures are no longer dictated, and type-written synopses are issued in advance, lectures being replaced, in a large part, by a tutorial system.

These are your problems, and you have a Union willing and capable to assist you in dealing with them, and these are but a few of the countless problems being dealt with by your Union, to which, perhaps, you are so apathetic that you may not yet have asked for the year book, which you can have freely, by asking your local Union officials.

LINCOLN RALPHS,
President of the N.U.S.

WESSEX NEWS

Tuesday, October 20th, 1936.

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EDITORIAL

We are honoured this week in having a leading article by Dr. Lincoln Ralphs, President of the N.U.S. No doubt many of us are rather tired of being urged to rally round and support so many different things: this first fortnight of Term has been filled with the voices of secretaries and presidents in their multitudes, begging, urging, and commanding us to do our bit. Those of us with any kind of a conscience must have felt utter worms and wretched slackers. In spite of all this, when the claims of the N.U.S. are put before you, and you are asked to support it and the "NEW UNIVERSITY," please give it your thought at least. Dr. Lincoln Ralphs will shortly be visiting U.C.S., in order to answer questions on the subject of the N.U.S., so his article makes great claims upon your attention. Think out any questions you can, the more difficult the better, so that he see us here to be alive and active, and so that our ideas are made clearer.

Like all the processes of Nature, the transformation of the Freshers into Juniors, which has recently taken place, was attended with a simple dignity and silent beauty. We hope that all of them will enjoy and profit by this stage in their careers, and that many will emerge safely from the chrysalis stage of the Long Vac. into a still more advanced and useful stage next Session. To say "butterfly stage" would not apply to all.

"The New University"

The *Daily Herald* has a circulation of two million, and, together with the *Trade Union*, is, perhaps, the greatest force among the organised working classes of to-day. However much we may disagree with the *Daily Herald*, it has created a real live force of opinion in this country and abroad so that some countries have found it necessary to refuse permission to their members to read it.

If the University students are in any sense a society, as many leading educationalists have suggested, it is logical that they, too, must have a national organ for the expression of their opinion. The "Wessex News" is the mouthpiece of topical opinion in Southampton, but the students' interests lie behind this; they have a national magazine, "The New University." It appears twice a term, at the modest cost of 2d. It contains, among its contributors, some of the most distinguished men in the realms of art, science, letters and politics, it reports student activities, discusses student problems, and throws open its pages to the ventilation of student opinion in all parts of England and Wales.

But its force depends upon its circulation. It can be made one of the most useful mediums for serving the interests of students, both national and international, if you are prepared to support it. The first issue of this term will be available in Southampton on November 12th. It is up to you to spend 2d.—one-third of the price of a small packet of cigarettes— to secure a copy. Or, why not spend a shilling for the six issues, which, after all, won't do you any harm?

You may find much in it with which to disagree. You will find much in it which, if you are alive at all, will stimulate you to think and perhaps even to act. It is your paper and it will always remain as effective as you make it.

A University education does not consist in acquiring an accent and assuming a blasé indifference to things that matter, or of affecting a superficial cynicism towards enthusiasm. "The New University" should be your paper and if you are worthy of the name of a student, you should be prepared to support it.

Freshers' Debate

The Freshers' Debate, on Saturday, had as its subject the motion that "This House condemns the tradition of Women and Children first." Miss Stallard was in the chair, but all four main speakers were men. Messrs. L. G. O'Neill and Allison were for the motion, Messrs. R. K. Wood and Smith against it. On the whole, the speeches of the proposition were more thorough and more enjoyable than those of the opposition.

We were given much information as to the habits and activities of women, and interesting statistics on the world's population. Nearly all the arguments were far from practical, and the debate was largely a display of theories.

Was the motion intended to be taken seriously, or is gravity one of the taboos we heard so much about?

Speeches from the floor of the house were pretty much of the same type, except for one, which contained elements of unnecessary and totally irrelevant crudity.

The motion was carried by 39 votes to 20.

CHESS CLUB.

A Knock-out Tournament for Freshers begins this week, and it is hoped to conclude it by Monday next. The Chess Ladder, together with rules of play, will be found in Room 40; play can take place during lunch-hours, or at other times e.g. in the Common Rooms; there is no sex bar in any Chess Club event.

The Club began its fixtures last Wednesday, the "C" team, much depleted, losing to Shirley Old Boys 1½ to 3½. This week, the "A" plays the "B," and the "C" plays Taunton's "C" at College, Wednesday, at 7 p.m. On Saturday the College plays Andover in a Hampshire League Match.

FINAL'S RESULTS

Inserted by Special Request.

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2nd Class Honours.

H. G. Cochrane.

L. Herbert.

J. A. O'Donoghue.

Pass.

A. K. Ames.

A. J. Clark.

C. T. Grapes.

N. R. Quinn.

H. F. Vincent.

B.A. Honours.

1st Class.

C. P. Cook.

K. A. Cottam.

Miss Riddock.

Upper 2nd Class.

J. R. Gosney.

Miss O'Neill.

M. A. Palmer.

R. A. Shannon.

Miss Southward.

Miss Taylor.

Miss Travis.

Miss Wilson.

Lower 2nd Class.

R. H. Bishop.

Miss Buckerfield.

D. A. Clark.

Miss Donnelly.

A. Cole.

J. H. Goss.

Miss McGrath.

J. J. Pay.

Miss Sellar.

L. V. Symes.

Miss Westbrooke.

3rd Class.

D. L. Barker.

Miss Barr.

Miss Fleming.

A. T. Jeanes.

B.A. General.

2nd Division.

J. F. Gravett.

Miss Hammond.

M. Hoyle.

W. M. Hutchings.

Pass.

H. W. Flux.

V. Morris.

Special B.Sc.

2nd Class Honours.

C. J. Banks.

L. F. Lamerton.

D. W. Macdonald.

D. W. Ridgewell.

J. R. C. Topps.

Miss West.

Pass.

R. G. Duce.

G. A. Moir.

G. A. Morton.

G. A. Robertson.

V. G. Robson.

G. C. Silsby.

E. G. Smith.

P. G. Wickens.

General B.Sc.

1st Class Honours.

A. D. Button.

2nd Class Honours.

T. W. Beak.

H. Pearce.

Pass.

K. F. Bowden.

Miss Cheyney.

J. Cowling.

R. Dawes.

R. D. Jenkins.

G. J. Lawrence.

Miss Layton.

P. S. Saunders.

H. W. Silcock.

J. Thorp.

N.B.

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Reserve

SATURDAY
October 31st

See Next Week's issue of "Wessex News"

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.

2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.

3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print Society reports unless they have genuine news value.

ATHLETIC UNION.

WOMEN ACTIVE ON THE RIVER

Women's Hockey lose to Reading in close game

Cross Country open season with decisive win

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

1st XI v. Reading.

The match started off scrappily and neither side really settled down to play good hockey. The College defence was without some of its usual members and practically everybody was playing in a strange position. Under these circumstances College did well to take the lead at half time with the score at 2-1.

In the second half Reading had rather more of the play and after numerous attacks they added 3 more goals to their score to win 4-2.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The College Cross Country team opened their season with an overwhelming victory over R.A.F. Worthy Down, thus confirming the favourable impression formed of the talent available. The first seven home were College men, and Newton-Smith, in his first race, ran splendidly to finish an easy winner. Moore ran in second with Lawrence, whose return to form after a long-standing ankle injury was perhaps the most pleasing feature of the race. It should be noted finally that Worthy Down were handicapped by lack of knowledge of the route.

WOMEN'S ROWING.

A venture which was begun towards the end of last term is proving to be very popular. The first meeting of the Women's Boat Club (in formation) was held on Tuesday, 13th October, when there was an encouraging attendance of interested supporters.

On Wednesday afternoon three crews turned out for practice, and on Saturday morning four boats put out from Cobden Bridge.

The Club is extremely fortunate in being able to profit from the very able coaching of Dr. Knowles. It is largely due to her enthusiasm and energy that this new side of the activities of U.C.S. women was opened up—in the face of many difficulties.

The A.U. Committee has recognised this Club provisionally as entitled to apply for membership at the end of this session if at the end of that time the Club is still active and enthusiastic. There seems at present to be little doubt that, if grave financial difficulties can be overcome, the Club will be flourishing in a year's time, and representing a real demand by the women of the

College for facilities to engage in this form of sport. It is understood that a number of sympathetic people may open a subscription list to meet the most urgent needs of this new venture: should this happen, 'Wessex News' will do what it can to help through the use of its columns.

RUGGER v. E.R.A.

The College Rugger Club opened the season on Saturday with a match against the E.R.A.'s Portsmouth. Play was very even throughout the game and this was due chiefly to the fine work of the College forwards, who held their opponents both in tight and loose scrums. The E.R.A.'s scored one try in the first half, which was not converted, and two tries in the second half, both of which were converted. As a result of the good passing movement by Moir and Wife, R. Shannon scored wide out. This try was not converted. Thomas at scrum-half played an excellent game in his first match for the College, while Millington was outstanding among the forwards.

Final score, U.C.S. 3 pts., E.R.A.'s 13 pts.
Wed., Oct. 21st, v. R.A.F. Calshot (H).
Sat., Oct. 24th v. R.A.F. Old Sarum (A).

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Wednesday, Oct. 14th.
1st XI v. R.A.F. Andover lost 3-0 (away).
Saturday, October 17th.
1st XI v. Portsmouth Electricity, lost 1-0 (home).
2nd XI v. Portsmouth Higher Ed., 1st XI, lost 3-2 (a).
3rd XI v. Portsmouth Higher Ed., 2nd XI lost 1-0 (home).

A.F.C. v. R.A.F. Andover

College travelled to Andover on Wednesday last to play the R.A.F. Four members of the regular 1st XI were absent. College won the toss and play opened at a very fast pace. The R.A.F. players were much quicker in tackling. The defences usually mastered the forwards but both goalkeepers were often in action. There was good mid-field play and both sides attacked in turn. College attacked on the right and finished with a brilliant shot by Cowling. Shots by the Andover

forwards hit the woodwork and the game continued at a thrilling pace. So well were the defences playing that a goal-less first half seemed probable, but in the space of ten minutes just before half-time, the R.A.F. broke through the middle and scored three good goals.

In the second half College reorganised their half-back line. Both teams fought hard for goals and College came near to scoring on two or three occasions. College were awarded a penalty but this too was missed. In the closing minutes play became slower and several College players appeared to tire. The game ended with no further score. There was a distinct weakness and lack of thrust in the College forward line and college were beaten almost every time the ball was in the air.

A.F.C. v. Portsmouth Electricity F.C.

On Saturday, College entertained Portsmouth Electricity in a friendly game at Swaythling. Portsmouth had never previously played against the College and then came with an unbeaten side. College were at full strength. Robson won the toss and elected to play with a strong wind. There was a large attendance when the visitors kicked off, and play went quickly from end to end. The defences were in good form and neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled. Portsmouth appeared to be slightly the better team but they couldn't find a way through the College defence. Not even the constant interchanging of positions by the visiting forwards caught the college napping. The home forwards, due to the return of Wallace and Ashworth, were much better than in previous games and consequently some very good football was seen. Half-time arrived, however, with the score 0-0.

Shortly after half-time Coles, who was injured in the first half, had to go in the left wing, later retiring. This disorganised the College team and the Portsmouth inside-right scored with a good shot. Play was still fast but the College ten men held their own and came very near to scoring through Wallace, whose terrific well-placed shot was brilliantly saved by the visiting goalie. There was no further scoring. Portsmouth deserved their victory as all round they were the better

team. The display of College was easily the best of the season and Collins appears to have solved the centre-half problem. Robson and Cowling were in fine form and as a whole the team played very well.

NETBALL CLUB.

Saturday, October 17th.

1st VII v. Itchen Secondary School, 15-11—won.

2nd VII v. Itchen Secondary School, 5-13—lost.

By winning their first match of the season the 1st VII has shown that it is capable of, we hope, great things. But play at present is unfinished and ragged, with too many instances of running with the ball and dropped catches—faults which, even, and will, be overcome with more practice.

The game against Itchen was keenly contested; the College, after being four down, drew level at half-time and early in the second half, gained a lead which was maintained steadily.

The 2nd VII were not so fortunate, but, least the score against them seem too bad, it must be remembered that they were playing together as a team for the first time. Consequently their game was muddled, the passing often ineffectual, and, on some occasions, an Itchen player was left absolutely free and unmarked.

Both games emphasised most clearly the need for more practice; many people were out of training (a fact which could be remedied, to some extent, by themselves) and the 2nd VII's score, although disappointing, was certainly not hopeless.

Hockey XI v. Civil Service, Portsmouth. at Portsmouth.

The home XI were the better side and scored twice in the first half before the College did. At half-time the score was 4-1 to Civil Service.

College played better in the second half and Home scored their second goal. Civil Service replied with their fifth goal. Home scored again, but the Service scored again.

Result—
College 3, Civil Service 6.

ATHLETIC UNION COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the A.U. Committee on Saturday morning, W. W. Coles was chosen as Assistant Secretary to replace R. F. Robinson who has gone down. The main business was the ratification of the estimates for the coming session, which were presented by the Senior Treasurer. After considerable discussion the various items were approved, and will be published in next week's issue of 'Wessex News.'

PERSONAL COLUMN.

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History Repeats Itself.

The drama of Little Miss Muffet was re-enacted on Friday last, when Barker discovered a spider in his peas and chips, and obtained a fresh plateful on the strength of it.

Outside the Library we already have a car-park and cycle-racks. As at least one member of the Staff rides a horse, will hitching-posts be provided soon?

Can any students of Biology tell us for what reasons sparrows frequently visit the Library? Is it for food, for nesting materials, or merely to flaunt their liberty in the faces of us slaves?

In spite of a year's reprieve by authority, the rats under the Refectory are still having a gnawful time.

Women's Boat Club.

That's a shell, that was.

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To the Editor of Wessex News,

Sir,

Your correspondent, G. A. Hemming, surely knows that women can be unemployed too. There is a surplus of women unemployed at Doncaster because of colliery disasters perhaps, and the best way of getting rid of women is to put them near a road where death and marriage take their toll.

Gambling dens are run by Southerners who play up to the faith, hope and charity of the Northerner, giving him heaven but generously taking the lucre-bespattered primrose path themselves.

These three particularly Yorkshire virtues explain the difference between Yorkshire and Lancashire. They lead Yorkshiremen on in a vain attempt to improve the South. The Lancashireman has no illusions.

Yours etc.,
K. A. A. Kottam.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Sir,

I should like through the medium of your columns to make an appeal on behalf of the Boxing Club. This club went out of existence last year, owing to lack of accommodation; however, we have at last obtained a hut of our own, which is being equipped with apparatus. All the club now lacks is more members.

Mr. Anderson has promised to arrange a coach for us, and members, whatever their ability or lack of it, will be very welcome.

I wish to point out also that the Boxing Club is open to members of other clubs who wish to use it as a gymnasium only.

Yours etc.,
H. W. J. Nash (Hon. Sec.).

University College,
Southampton.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Sir,

During the past few terms various efforts have been made to create and foster Faculty spirit. These efforts, however, do not seem to have produced the desired effect, and the sad fact remains that the only two Faculties in College with anything like a Faculty spirit are those of Economics and Engineering.

It may be argued that the Engineers have the advantage of a separate group of buildings, but this does not apply to the Economists. Or, alternatively, it may be said that nearly all the Economists are Socialists or Communists and the similarity of political opinion holds them together. But this cannot be said of the Engineers, many of whom are respectable citizens.

There is, however, one thing at least which the two Faculties have

in common. They both contain little or no female element.

Is this significant?

Yours etc.,

Stator Janitorque.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Dear Sir,

May I earnestly draw the attention of your readers to a pamphlet "The Fur Crusade," which has appeared on a notice board, relating to the inhuman practices connected with the fur trade. It is evident that these barbarous cruelties could not be persisted in if the public, for whose vanity and comfort they are perpetrated, were aware of the facts. It is therefore of vital importance that all right thinking people, amongst whom, I think, we may include the majority of the students in this College, should become conscious of their wider duties as human beings in relation to the animal world. Cruelties which are ignored by the general public may be regarded as cruelties practised by them, and we have all a responsibility in this matter.

Further information may be obtained from me, and copies of the above mentioned pamphlet, which explains the situation far more impressively than I can do, are available in the Students' Council Office. I trust that all will avail themselves of the opportunity to read this enlightening article, and do their utmost to promote such an obviously worth while cause.

Those who feel urged to demonstrate a more practical sympathy might consider the offer of any small donation, which will be forwarded to the Organiser of the Crusade.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. Shannon.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Sir,

What has your Southerner been doing with himself in the North? Why is he so interested in Doncaster's fair ladies? Does he pass all his vacs in gambling dens?

Perhaps I can best answer his questions on the North by posing a few more on the conditions which, I am told, obtain in the South.

Why is Brighton the home of correspondents? What really does happen in Portsmouth when the fleet comes home? Why is Southampton so infernally proud of her Civic Centre? Must the refectory and mixed common room at U.C.S. always blush with embarrassment at the emotional frenzies of their habits? Do the engineers really gamble for matches?

I sir, a poor uncultured Northerner, crave guidance in my wonderings as to how these features play their part in this "Utopia of the South." Please help me dear Southerner.

Yours etc.,

M. Hoyle.

Calendar

Members of the general public interested in any particular activity are invited to communicate with the Deputy Registrar, University College.

In most cases an invitation will be gladly extended to interested persons, but in certain cases membership of the particular Society is essential.

Sunday, 18th Oct.

9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham. Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Hodgson, M.A., LL.D., Canon of Winchester.

Monday, 19th Oct.

1.20 p.m. Gramophone Club. 1.20 p.m. Student Christian Movement.

Tuesday, 20th Oct.

Music Studio 6 p.m. Choral Society first rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore. All invited.

Wednesday, 21st Oct.

7.30 p.m. Institution of Production Engineers Meeting.

Thursday, 22nd Oct.

5 p.m. Rover Crew Tea, Refectory. 8 p.m. 2nd Lecture of a Series of Ten University Extension Lectures on Modern English Writers. "James Joyce: Exile and Experimenter in new forms," by Professor V. de S. Pinto of University College, Southampton.

Friday, 23rd Oct.

5.45 p.m. Mathematical Association. "Babylonian Mathematics," by Miss A. M. Trout of University College, Southampton. 7.45 p.m. Film Show: "Life in Australia."

Saturday, 24th Oct.

Russell Hall Entertainment. Important Committee Meeting in A.

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